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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM AND TWA FARES

REF: (A) ROME 4180; (B) STATE 280178 OF 11/23/77

1. DEPARTMENT HAS PASSED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL TO PAN AM AND TWA. PAN AM INDICATED IT INTENDS TO CONTINUE SELLING AND FLYING THE BUDGET FARE, AND WILL APPEAL TO THE USG TO PURSUE APPROPRIATE ACTION IF GOI TAKES ENFORCEMENT MEASURES. PAN AM IS REFERRING TO CAB ORDER 77-11-78 OF NOVEMBER 18, 1977, IN WHICH THE BOARD APPROVED THE ALITALIA FARES. THE BOARD ALSO STATED , QUOTE: IF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT APPROVE THE U.S. CARRIERS TARIFFS, THEN WE WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER PURSUING OUR AVAILABLE REMEDIES UNDER THE U.S.-ITALY BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

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2. DEPARTMENT HAS STUDIOUSLY REFRAINED IN THIS MATTER FROM ADVISING PAN AM AND TWA TO CONTINUE FLYING THE FARES IN THE FACE OF GOI DISAPPROVAL, EVEN THOUGH BOTH AIRLINES HAVE REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO SO ADVISE THEM. DEPARTMENT HAS EMPHASIZED THAT SUCH A DECISION MUST BE MADE BY THE AIRLINE.

3. AT THIS POINT, DEPT. PROPOSES TO DO NOTHING BEYOND PASSING SUBSTANCE OF THE GOI NOTE TO PAN AM AND TWA. IF EMBASSY FEELS FORMAL RESPONSE TO GOI IS REQUIRED, OR IF NOT REQUIRED, WOULD SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE, EMBASSY MAY USE FOLLOWING TEXT: QUOTE. THE DEPT. OF STATE HAS NOTIFIED PAN AMERICAN AND TWA OF THE CONTENTS OF MFA NOTE 079/4023, DATED MARCH 2. THE DEPARTMENT - REGRETS THAT THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES STILL FIND THEMSELVES UNABLE TO APPROVE THESE LOW FARE FILINGS. UNQUOTE.

4. COMMENT: EVEN THOUGH USG NOTICE OF DISSATISFACTION IN REF B GIVES US OPTION OF INITIATING SUSPENSION ACTION AGAINST ALITALIA, DEPT. DOUBTFUL THAT CAB WOULD RECOMMEND SUSPENSION AS RETALIATION FOR GOI FAILURE TO APPROVE PAN AM AND TWA FARES. IN THIS CONTEXT, DEPT.- SEES SOME VIRTUE IN TAKING NO ACTION AT THIS JUNCTURE. VANCE

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